



**Stockert: Bone-marrow donor.**

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**S**SG Dean Stockert, a 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, soldier from Fort Carson, Colo., was united recently on NBC’s “Today Show” with the infant boy whose life he saved through a bone-marrow donation.

Stockert, who registered with the Defense Department’s bone-marrow database in 1997 and had corresponded with the sick child’s parents for several months, was flown to New York to meet **Dalton Franks** for the first time on the morning TV show.

Bone-marrow donor policy is normally that donor and recipient do not meet until a year after the transplant is performed.

In 1998 Stockert was notified that he might be a match for a 4-month-old boy from Fort Worth, Texas, who suffered a genetic immune-system deficiency and would die without a bone-marrow transplant. Dalton is now almost two years old.

After providing a series of blood samples to test his marrow’s compatibility with the prospective recipient’s, Stockert was flown to Washington, D.C., where he underwent further tests at Georgetown Hospital. In

December 1998 he underwent a one-and-a-half-hour procedure to remove marrow from his lower spine through four small holes in his back.

The marrow was then transported to Cook Children’s Medical Center in Fort Worth.

While medical reports indicate 50 percent of bone-marrow recipients do not survive, Dalton is expected to fully recover.

Stockert said when faced with the knowledge that Dalton might not be matched with any other suitable donor, he didn’t hesitate for a moment. “Being able to do what I did has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.”

Recovery for the donor takes between two and six weeks, he said, and effects of the procedure can be likened to falling on your tailbone.

He and the Franks family have become close since meeting on the “Today Show,” said Stockert, who, with his wife and two children, flew to Fort Worth after the show to visit. — *Fort Carson Public Affairs Office*

**J**ERRY Burgess, designer of the Women’s Army Corps museum at Fort Lee, Va., designed clothing before mapping out the new, state-of-the-art building.

After receiving a degree in design art and working in the fashion field, Burgess worked at Fort McClellan, Ala., as a graphic artist, designing many of the exhibits and displays at the WAC museum there.

From 1990 to 1999 she was the museum’s director and curator.

The new museum, expected to open in May 2001, will be much larger than the 11,600 square-foot Fort McClellan facility that closed in September 1999. The new, 13,325-square-foot U.S. Army Women’s Museum will house more than 5,000 artifacts, a large collection of archival material, more than 300 videos and some 40 exhibits. It will represent all women who have served in the Army since the Revolutionary War.

Burgess, a driving force behind both the building design and the design of the interior gallery, has worked closely with officials at Fort Lee’s Directorate of Public Works and exhibit designers from Southern Custom Exhibits, Inc., to assure the new gallery will include video, animation, special lighting and sound effects.

Every two years, since 1978, female soldiers have gathered at the WAC museum to share their memories of the Army, meet with former unit members and celebrate their shared legacy.

**Burgess: WAC museum designer.**



The tradition will continue at the new museum, Burgess said.

Although its primary mission is to fulfill a role in Army values training for advanced individual training students at Fort Lee, Burgess hopes many of the community outreach programs she instituted at the WAC museum will continue.

For more information on the museum, contact Burgess at [www.awm.lee.army.mil](http://www.awm.lee.army.mil) or call (804) 734-4327. — Fort Lee PAO



**MTMC's top employees of the year: Walters (left), Schofield, Woodrum and Matchett.**

**W**HEN Karen Schofield began her new job with the Military Traffic Management Command's 835th Transportation Battalion in Okinawa, Japan, in March 1997, one of her tasks was to award a stevedore contract.

Longtime employees told her there was a single stevedore contractor on the island, and she learned the incumbent company had been awarded the contract for 34 years.

Schofield, in her first civil-service job, decided to do some checking on her own. She drove around the island's maritime district and found seven other stevedore companies.

"I explained our needs to the other companies and told them how to submit bid proposals," she said.

When the award process ended, two competing companies vied for the contract. Ultimately, a new company won.

MTMC officials estimate the new contract will save the government roughly \$6.3 million over five years.

Schofield was cited as MTMC's top civilian performer of 1999 for having a perfect inspection record and was among four MTMC employees honored as performers-of-the-year during the command's 35th anniversary celebration outside



Washington, D.C., in February.

Other top performers included **1LT Benjamin Walters**, commander of the Saudi Arabia Detachment of the 831st Trans. Bn. A 1996 ROTC graduate of Weaver State University in Ogden, Utah, Walters was honored for expediting the processing of cargo in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, for operation Turbo-Cads 2000.

**SPC Brian Woodrum** was named the command's enlisted soldier of the year.

**SSG Miwon Matchett**, the nuclear, biological and chemical NCO for the 837th Trans. Bn., in Pusan, Korea, expanded NBC instruction to include the battalion's civilian employees and Korean army augmentees. — MTMC PAO

**F**ORMER chairman of the joint chiefs of staff retired **GEN Colin Powell** was inducted into the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Hall of Fame during a ceremony at Bell Hall's Marshall Auditorium recently.

Established in 1970, the hall of fame recognizes leaders who have served at Fort Leavenworth and contributed to Army achievement, tradition or history.

Powell attended the Command and General Staff College at the post in the late 1960s and was deputy commanding general of the Combined Arms Combat Developments Activity there from 1982 to 1983.

During his acceptance speech Powell reflected on his 35-year military career, saying he felt fortunate to have been able to fulfill his earliest ambition — simply to be a soldier.

In October 1989 Powell became the youngest officer, the first black American and the first ROTC graduate to become chairman of the joint chiefs. During his four-year tenure he oversaw 28 crises, including Operation Desert Storm.

Powell retired in 1993 and serves on the board of governors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the advisory board of the Children's Health Fund and the board of directors of the United Negro College Fund. — SPC Christopher J. Dunphy, Fort Leavenworth PAO

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**Powell: Hall of Fame inductee.**